CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2008

INVOCATION:
Pastor Steve Felton of the First Church of the Nazarene gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Trujillo led the pledge of allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Lavagnino called the Regular Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Ness, City Attorney Trujillo, Assistant City Manager Haydon, Fire Chief Ortiz, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead, Director of Utilities Sweet, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Community Development Lindsey, Director of Administrative Services Snodgrass, Advance Planner Smith, Police Commander Ritz, Assistant Fire Chief Moreno, Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH
Councilmember Orach presented a gift to teachers Kristen Burke, Sally Woelper, and Jessica Rivera and students of Ida Taylor Elementary School, the January Recreation and Parks Volunteers of the Month, for participating in the Adopt-a-Park Program at Jim May Park. These three second and third grade teachers and students pick up trash once a month and utilize the park as a learning tool for environmental- and community-oriented projects.

PROCLAMATION – RESPECT FOR LIFE WEEK
Councilmember Patino read a proclamation declaring the week of January 20th through 26th, 2008, as Respect for Life Week in the City of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Jan Rush and Pat Riehle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mayor Lavagnino announced that Santa Maria B.R.A.G.'s 23rd anniversary celebration of Martin Luther King's Birthday would be held at the Radisson Hotel on Sunday, *January 20, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. The featured guest speaker would be retired* WWII Tuskegee Airman, 1st Lt. Arthur N. Hicks.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There were none at this time.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Councilmember Patino requested Item 3I be pulled for comment. Councilmember Zacarías requested Item 3C be pulled for comment.

Item 3C – Memorandum of Understanding for SEIU
Councilmember Zacarías stated she wanted to acknowledge SEIU members and their role in making the City of Santa Maria one of the best-run cities on the Central Coast. She said she was glad the Council and the employees were continuing to work together, and she appreciated all the work of all of the members.

Item 3I – One Hour Parking Zone
Councilmember Patino stated that under the discussion portion of the staff report it said the business owners of properties along Roemer Way were experiencing an increase in large trucks parking on the street. She asked where the trucks had been parking before.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Whitehead stated the truck parking goes where there are no "no parking" zones. Trucks have been parking at this location overnight, and the City has been receiving more and more complaints. The business owners did not want the trucks parking in front of their businesses.

Consent Calendar Items A through P were approved on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 18, 2007, were approved as submitted.

C. MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING
Resolution No. 2008-01 was adopted approving changes to the current Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620.
Resolution No. 2008-01 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CHANGES TO THE CURRENT MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU'S) BETWEEN THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION (SEIU) LOCAL 620 REPRESENTING BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA THEREBY RESULTING IN THE CREATION OF ONE COMBINED MOU FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED EMPLOYEES.

D. RELEASE OF BONDS
Council accepted as complete the public improvements associated with Rose Garden Village, Tract 5725, and authorized the release of a Faithful Performance bond in the reduced amount of $50,000.00 for the construction and installation of public improvements with an order that the Contractor, Labor and Material bond be retained until June 2008, and the Guarantee and Defective Material bond be retained until December 2008.

E. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 138949 to 139454 in the amount of $5,286,426.42 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant Nos. 132885, 133546, 138827, 138836, and 139341 were cancelled.

F. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

G. FOUR-WAY STOPS

Resolution No. 2008-02 was adopted approving the establishment of four-way stops at Westgate Road and Bethel Lane and Westgate Road and Marsala Avenue.

Resolution No. 2008-02 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT WESTGATE ROAD/BETHEL LANE AND WESTGATE ROAD/MARSALA AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

H. FOUR-WAY STOP

Resolution No. 2008-03 was adopted approving the establishment of a four-way stop at the intersection of Curryer Street and El Camino Street.

Resolution No. 2008-03 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT CURRYER STREET AND EL CAMINO STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.20 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

I. ONE-HOUR PARKING ZONE

Resolution No. 2008-04 was adopted approving the establishment of a one-hour parking zone on Roemer Way near Broadway.

Resolution No. 2008-04 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A ONE-HOUR PARKING ZONE ON ROEMER WAY PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.14 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

J. NO STOPPING ZONES

Resolution No. 2008-05 was adopted approving the establishment of no stopping zones on Tama Lane and Meredith Lane.

Resolution No. 2008-05 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON TAMA LANE AND MEREDITH LANE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

K. NO STOPPING ZONES

Resolution No. 2008-06 was adopted approving the establishment of no stopping zones on Carlotti Drive near Murray Drive.

Resolution No. 2008-06 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING NO STOPPING ZONES ON CARLOTTI DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

L. NO STOPPING ZONE

Resolution No. 2008-07 was adopted approving the establishment of a no stopping zone on Carlotti Drive near Donovan Road.

Resolution No. 2008-07 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON CARLOTTI DRIVE PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

M. NO STOPPING ZONE

Resolution No. 2008-08 was adopted approving the establishment of a no stopping zone on Boone Street near McClelland Street.

Resolution No. 2008-08 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A NO STOPPING ZONE ON BOONE STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-5.16 OF THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.

N. AGREEMENT
Resolution No. 2008-09 was adopted approving an agreement with Yamada Enterprises for Project No. 1043, Public Library Book Stacks, for the new Santa Maria Public Library.

Resolution No. 2008-09 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH YAMADA ENTERPRISES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK STACKS PROJECT NO. 1043.

O. AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
Council received and filed a report regarding an amendment to the Development Agreement with Inland Pacific Builders, Inc., for the final reimbursement of costs to construct the Battles Road Railroad Crossing and Depot Street Signal. This item was advertised as a public hearing; however, staff has since determined that an amendment to the Development Agreement is not necessary as the final amount of $865,000 was included in the original Development Agreement approved on August 7, 2007.

P. NOVATION
Resolution approving a Novation to substitute the name Venco Power Sweeping, Inc., for Venco Western, Inc., in the City's Agreement for Street Sweeping Service.

Resolution No. 2008-10 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A NOVATION AGREEMENT WITH VENCO POWER SWEEPING, INC.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
Chief Deputy City Clerk Perez gave the staff report. Several terms of office are expiring on the All-America City Committee, the Code Compliance Board, and the Landmark Committee on January 31, 2008. There are five vacancies on the All-America City Committee. Each Councilmember will be asked to make a nomination. Three of the five incumbents reapplied. Applications were also received from six other individuals. On the Code Compliance Board, two terms are expiring. The two incumbents reapplied as well as nine other people interested in serving. Councilmember Zacarias and Mayor Lavagnino will be making the nominations to fill the two seats. The Landmark Committee has one opening. The incumbent did not reapply; however, applications were received from two other individuals. There is one additional vacancy on the All-America City Committee for the youth representative due to the resignation of Angel Castro who left the area for college. No applications were received to fill this slot. Staff is requesting direction to readvertise this position.

Mayor Lavagnino thanked everyone who applied to serve the community. It was heart-warming because many times there were not enough applicants to fill the vacancies. He said there were only a few openings at this time, and encouraged everyone to apply for future openings.

<u>All-America City Committee</u>

Councilmember Orach nominated incumbent Tahir Masood.
Councilmember Patino nominated incumbent Bailey Hudson.
Councilmember Trujillo nominated Donna Dart.
Councilmember Zacarías nominated incumbent Bob Orach.
Mayor Lavagnino nominated Ricky Lara.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried unanimously, the nominations were approved and the five individuals were appointed to the All-America City Committee.

<u>Code Compliance Board</u>

Councilmember Zacarías nominated Jack Owen, Jr.
Mayor Lavagnino nominated incumbent Justin Randall.

On motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Zacarías, and carried unanimously, Jack Owen, Jr. and Justin Randall were appointed to the Code Compliance Board.

Mayor Lavagnino announced that one of the incumbents, Harrell Fletcher, had not been reappointed, and he wanted to thank Mr. Fletcher for his many years of service to the community. He said there was not a harder working or more dedicated man.

Landmark Committee
On motion by Mayor Lavagnino, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried unanimously, Richard Hall was appointed to the Landmark Committee.

Additionally, staff was directed to readvertise the remaining youth position on the All-America City Committee due to the resignation of the youth representative.

GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT
Director of Community Development Lindsay gave the Staff Report. This item was continued from the last meeting in order to conduct the second reading of Ordinance No. 2007-27 repealing the Santa Maria Research Park Specific Plan and adopting the Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan, and Ordinance No. 2007-28 approving a Zone Change for 740 acres of property located at the Santa Maria Public Airport. On December 18, 2007, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2007-174 certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the project; Resolution No. 2007-175 amending the General Plan (Land Use); Resolution No. 2007-176 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Maria Public Airport District; and introduced Ordinance Nos. 2007-27 and 2007-28. At that time, the Mayor opened the public hearing, accepted public testimony, and closed the public hearing. Although second reading of ordinances generally appears on the Consent Agenda, the Council requested this item be placed on the agenda as a regular business item. The Council also requested a copy of the proposed lease to be offered to Village Mobile Home Park residents by the Airport District, incorporating a three-year lease term, a timeline for the use of the City's $75,000 contribution toward completion of interim infrastructure improvements to the mobile home park, and a status report on the list of 41 repair items submitted by Mario Juarez to the Airport District dated October 11, 2007.

The Airport District's attorney prepared an amendment to the existing leases for the mobile home park residents. None of the terms and conditions of the existing leases would be changed. A simple, two-page amendment would be offered to tenants incorporating the offer of three-year leases. The Airport Board approved the lease offer at its meeting on January 10, 2008. The Airport Manager provided a description and timetable for the City's $75,000 contribution toward the gas, electrical and fire suppression systems for the mobile home park. He also provided a point-by-point status report on the 41 items submitted by Mr. Juarez. With the exception of paving improvements awaiting drier and warmer weather, almost all the improvements have been completed.

Councilmember Patino stated at the last meeting she asked for a timeline when all of the items would be finished.

Director Lindsey explained that the paving would not be completed until the weather improved in the spring. The other items not yet completed included unsecured gas meters that were the tenants' responsibility, and the condition of the laundry room. The City has inspected the site and several of the items on the list were not building or safety code violations.

City Manager Ness explained that one of the attachments to the staff report was a list of the 41 items with a description of when the items would be complete, if they were not already complete. There were three items not complete. The Airport Manager had indicated that all of the items would be completed within the first quarter of this year with the exception of the pavement-related items.

Councilmember Patino asked for another update for the last meeting in February. She asked if the City's $75,000 contribution was to help with the fire suppression system and what that would include.

City Manager Ness explained that the $75,000 would go toward electrical, gas and fire suppression system improvements including fire hydrants located throughout the park, and a permanent water distribution and fire suppression system to guard against any fires that might occur on the park site.

Councilmember Patino stated the lease amendment was only one and a half pages. She read No. 7 from the First Amendment to the Lease. She asked if the residents would still have a right to file legal action for any health and safety issues.

City Manager Ness replied that was correct.

Councilmember Zacarías said she wanted to be clear on what the Council was approving because she was worried about the mitigation measures. She asked if the mitigation measures included conversion of the mobile home park, and if the tenants would be giving up their rights to contest the Conversion Impact Report.

City Attorney Trujillo stated if someone challenged the EIR which included the mitigation measures, it would cover that eventuality. The tenants would always have the right to file a lawsuit. The amendment to the lease was a contract. Contracts were mutual and based on negotiations. The amendment to the lease was a draft document, and it was his understanding that the Airport had a proposed amendment to the draft based on new information that came to light recently.

City Manager Ness stated it was his understanding that after the appeal period to challenge the EIR was over, the three-year term of the lease would be in effect. If the tenants contested a Conversion Impact Report three months or six months from now, it would not effect the three-year term of the lease.

City Attorney Trujillo explained that a Notice of Determination for the EIR would be filed following the City Council's approval of the project. That would start the clock running to challenge the environmental document. The time period to do that was 30 days.

Councilmember Zacarías stated since the Conversion Impact Report was not part of the project at this time, the tenants would not be giving up their rights to contest the Conversion Impact Report. She said she would not want the residents to have to balance the three-year lease against contesting the conversion plan.

Ed Hennon stated the tenants wanted to make sure they had the right to review the Conversion Impact Report and to contest the report.

Laurie Tamura stated the mitigation measures directed a person to the City's ordinance. The ability to negotiate with the tenants was outside of the Council's action tonight.

Irma Chavez stated she had lived at the mobile home park for 18 years and had proof that the gas meters were not the tenants' responsibility.

Jose Mendez stated when he tried to change his meter previously, he was told he could not because it was the Airport's responsibility.

Armando Venegas talked about the gas line in front of his mobile home being very old and leaking gas.

Elias Barriga-Gonzalez talked about the alley located on the east side of the park which had always been opened to the public. Now it was closed to the public. All the cars that parked on the back side would now have to park on the front side.

Second reading was conducted by title only of Ordinance No. 2007-27 repealing the Santa Maria Research Park Specific Plan, as most recently amended October 20, 1998, GPZ-98-06, and adopting the Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan, SPZ-2007-001, as the primary document to guide future development of the 740-acre Specific Plan site, and the Ordinance was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2007-27 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING THE SANTA MARIA RESEARCH PARK SPECIFIC PLAN AND ADOPTING THE SANTA MARIA AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK SPECIFIC PLAN, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SKYWAY DRIVE AND ORCUTT EXPRESSWAY (STATE ROUTE 135), SPZ-2007-001.

Second reading was conducted by title only of Ordinance No. 2007-28 rezoning the 740 acres, and the Ordinance was adopted on motion by Councilmember Orach, seconded by Councilmember Trujillo, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance No. 2007-28 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, REZONING PROPERTY FOR THE SANTA MARIA PUBLIC AIRPORT DISTRICT, SANTA MARIA AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT, GPZ-2005-007, FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SKYWAY DRIVE AND ORCUTT EXPRESSWAY (STATE ROUTE 135), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS 111-230-90 (PORTION), 111-230-91, 111-230-92, 111-230-93 (PORTION), AND 111-230-94, 740 ACRES.

BUSINESS LOAN FOR HITCHING POST PRODUCTS

Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson gave the staff report. Coastal Business Finance was recommending approval of another loan under the City's Business Retention and Attraction Loan Program. The loan was in the amount of $135,000 to Hitching Post Products dba BBQ2YOU. The purpose of the loan was to assist with tenant improvements, acquisition of equipment, furnishings, and inventory, along with working capital needed to establish a commercial manufacturing and distribution facility in Santa Maria. The new business would be an extension of the successful Hitching Post Restaurant. BBQ2YOU would cook, flash-freeze, vacuum-seal and sell gourmet delivery meats and specialty items through the Internet and mail order catalogs. The recommended loan was proposed at an interest rate of six percent to be repaid over a seven-year period with collateral in the form of a first trust deed on the building located at 3325 Point Sal Road in Casmalia.

Brian Kearns stated most requests for new enterprises made him a little nervous; however, this request did not. This request was easy to analyze. The business plan was so well done, the management was so well organized, and the past operations of the restaurant were conservatively managed. There was good history and good management in place.

Councilmember Patino asked what M & E was. The construction was listed as $50,000 and asked what that was for.

Mr. Kearns explained the M & E was machinery and equipment such as ovens and cooking devices. The construction was for interior tenant improvements.

Resolution No. 2008-11 approving a loan of $135,000 to Hitching Post Products dba BBQ2YOU was adopted on motion by Councilmember Zacarías, seconded by Councilmember Patino, and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Orach, Patino, Trujillo, Zacarías, and Mayor Lavagnino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2008-11 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATION OF COASTAL BUSINESS FINANCE TO FUND A BUSINESS LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $135,000 TO HITCHING POST PRODUCTS DBA BBQ2YOU UNDER THE BUSINESS RETENTION AND ATTRACTION LOAN PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE LOAN DOCUMENTS FOR THE AMOUNT AND TERMS SPECIFIED BY COUNCIL.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING GOAL SETTING WORKSHOP

Assistant City Manager Haydon gave the staff report. Since 2000, the City Council has gone through the process of conducting goal-setting exercises prior to the beginning of the two-year budget process. Two years ago, the City Council held a public forum designed to provide community groups, interested members of the public and City Council advisory bodies an opportunity to share with City staff what they believed to be the most important issues and priorities the City should be addressing over the next two-year period. Comments and suggestions received at that workshop were summarized and provided to the City Council prior to the goal-setting exercise. Comments received back in 2006 suggested that future public forums be held in conjunction with regular City Council meetings. During the 2006 goal-setting exercise, the City Council developed the following ten overall citywide goals: enhance public safety services for our residents; address traffic safety issues; better the quality of life for our next generation to come; enhance code compliance-related activities; enhance the economic vitality of the City; finalize and adopt the Downtown Specific Plan; plan for future annexations and growth; initiate a long-range planning "visionary" plan; improve public facilities/infrastructure, to include restrooms in parks and explore the possibility of an equestrian center; and augment the overall housing stock by providing a balanced housing market and encouraging owner-occupied housing. Of the ten goals, eight have been addressed, one (Finalize and adopt the Downtown Specific Plan) is nearing completion, and one (Initiate a long-range planning "visionary" plan) was deferred until other significant projects in the pipeline were brought to fruition; projects that have a direct impact on the stated goal i.e. the Downtown Specific Plan, the Airport Specific Plan, and the relocation of the Transit Center to name a few. The Council's goal setting workshop will be held on January 29th at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Lavagnino stated the Council and the public needed to keep in mind that the next two-year budget cycle would be difficult due to the State's budget deficit.

City Manager Ness explained that the State was experiencing a $14.5 billion budget deficit. When the State took money from local governments in the past, it was not trying to close that large of a deficit. It was difficult to tell what kind of impact the State trying to balance its budget would have on the City. Cities were fortunate that they were protected by Proposition 1A. The State of California could not take the three largest revenue sources - sales tax, property tax, and vehicle license fees. However, there were provisions in Proposition 1A that allowed the State to borrow those funds and pay it back over a period of time. It was not likely that the state would take just a little bit. The State would take a lot, and it would probably be a long time before it was paid back. Staff would be closely monitoring the State budget process. Unfortunately, the Council would be asked to approve the 2008-2010 budget toward the end of June before the State approved its budget. Staff would be taking a very cautious approach in preparing the upcoming budget.

Councilmember Zacarías stated that with negotiations for all the City's bargaining units almost complete, it was important to her that all the employee groups recognized the

impacts of these fiscal considerations and had the opportunity to fully participate in the goal-setting workshop.

Assistant City Manager Haydon stated that the goal setting workshop was principally designed for Council to set its goals. Notification of this agenda item was sent to the press and media. Notification was also sent to all the Boards and Commissions. However, there would be an opportunity for the public to speak at the workshop.

Jeannene Mitchell, Santa Maria Mural Society, stated she would like the Council to consider the benefits of public art and a public arts program. In a study by the Non-Profit Arts and Cultural Industry Study, it was found that the arts and the culture industry generated $166 billion in economic activity each year for communities. Public art helps mitigate crime in places like downtown areas that have been deserted. Having public art in the downtown area brings people together and revitalizes the downtown and also helps attract tourism.

Joan Leon, Santa Maria Community Coalition, stated the Coalition had reviewed the 10 current City Council goals. She provided a list of the Coalition's recommendations for goals and objectives for the next two years including: find a more permanent source of funding for police and fire when NHIS money ran out; attract better paying jobs; protect the integrity of the downtown as a commercial center; support and sustain a lively culture in the arts; preserve and protect agriculture land, green belts and open spaces; implement the downtown specific plan with its mixed uses to provide housing opportunities; keep affordable housing affordable with deed restrictions; protect the integrity of the single family areas through Code Compliance; set an example by making all city buildings environmentally sustainable and require new construction to be built with energy efficiency; City-owned vehicles should be energy efficient and non-polluting; work closely with school districts on the impacts of development on the schools; and work with the County to protect agricultural lands.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ness reported on items for the February 5, 2008, City Council meeting including a presentation regarding Measure D, the second quarter financial report, annual technical amendments to the Municipal Code, and possibly Budget and Financial Policies.

ORAL REPORTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilmember Trujillo reported that he had attended the Filipino Senior Citizens Installation Dinner on January 6th and installed their new officers.

Councilmember Patino reported that on January 5th she visited the Santa Maria River Levee. The channel that the County had cut was where the water was flowing. She thanked the Mayor, Supervisor Joni Gray, Tom Fayram, Rick Sweet, Guadalupe Mayor Alvarez, Congresswoman Capps and Congressman Gallegly for lobbying to get the money for the Army Corps of Engineers study of the Levee. She congratulated Commander Craig Ritz on his recent promotion.

Mayor Lavagnino talked about the water flowing in the river last week during the rain storm. He also thanked Congresswoman Capps, Congressman Gallegly Senator Boxer, and Senator Feinstein as well as Marlowe and Company, the City's lobbyist.

Councilmember Zacarías reported on her attendance at the graduation ceremony for the latest Citizen's Police Academy. She congratulated the instructors and the whole team. She attended the Joint Meeting with the Block Grants Advisory Committee along with the other Councilmembers. She thanked City Manager Ness for his contribution from the General Fund to support youth groups. She also reported that she had started working with the United Way doing tax preparation for low income families. She wished everyone a happy New Year.

Councilmember Orach also wished everyone a happy New Year.

CLOSED SESSION
Council recessed to Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. for Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency representative - Assistant City Manager, Employee Organizations - Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA); Santa Maria Fire Fighters Local 2020; Public Safety Managers; and Non-represented Management and Confidential Employees.

Following the Closed Session, the following report was given:

Conference with Labor Negotiator:
Santa Maria Police Officers Association (SMPOA) – Direction to staff was given.
Santa Maria Fire Fighters Local 2020 – Direction to staff was given.
Public Safety Managers – Direction to staff was given.
Non-represented Management and Confidential Employees – Direction to staff was given.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the City Council at this time, Mayor Lavagnino declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to the Special City Council Goal Setting Workshop on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVED

February 5, 2008
Date

Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST

Chief Deputy City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Santa Maria